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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) An electric power steering apparatus comprising:
 - a steering wheel;
 - a rack shaft to be connected to vehicle wheels, said rack shaft being connected to said steering wheel through a steering shaft and a rack-and-pinion mechanism;
 - a first electric motor for producing a motive power to be applied to said steering shaft or between said steering shaft and said rack-and-pinion mechanism; and
 - a second electric motor for producing a motive power to be applied to said rack shaft.
2. (Previously presented) An electric power steering apparatus comprising:
 - a steering wheel;
 - a rack shaft to be connected to vehicle wheels, said rack shaft being connected to said steering wheel through a steering shaft and a rack-and-pinion mechanism; and
 - two electric motors positioned adjacent and connected to said rack shaft through transmission mechanisms and a single ball screw, wherein the electric motors have respective motor shafts extending parallel to the rack shaft.
3. (Withdrawn) An electric power steering apparatus comprising:
 - a steering wheel;
 - a rack shaft to be connected to vehicle wheels, said rack shaft being connected to said steering wheel through a steering shaft, a pinion shaft and a rack-and-pinion mechanism having a pinion formed on said pinion shaft; and
 - two electric motors for producing motive powers to be applied to said pinion shaft, said two electric motors being connected to said pinion shaft with said pinion

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positioned therebetween.

4. (Withdrawn) An electric power steering apparatus comprising:
 - a steering wheel;
 - a rack shaft to be connected to vehicle wheels, said rack shaft being connected to said steering wheel through a steering shaft;
 - a pinion shaft connected to said rack shaft through a rack-and-pinion mechanism;
 - a first electric motor for producing a motive power to be applied to said pinion shaft; and
 - a second electric motor for producing a motive power to be applied to said rack shaft through a ball screw.
5. (Currently amended) The electric power steering apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the transmission mechanisms comprise two belt transmission mechanisms each having a driving pulley connected to the motor shaft of a respective one of the two electric motors, a driven pulley mounted to a nut of the ball screw, and a belt running over the driving and driven pulleys.
6. (Currently amended) The electric power steering apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the belts of the two belt transmission mechanisms transmit powers from the respective electric motors to the nut at different longitudinal portions thereof.